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SUBJ: POTENTIAL IV GRANT NOMINEE: DR. TAYSSIR BARAKAT--VISAS EAGLE--
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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH DEPT, FBI, OR POSSIBLE INFO ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE ON DR. TAYZSIR AHMED BARAKAT, A PLAESTINIAN WHO IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH IN UAE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. IN VIRTUALLY EVERY RESPECT, DR. BARAKAT APPEARS TO BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR IV GRANT, AND WE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING MOVING HIM FROM ALTERNATE TO PRIME CANDIDATE (PARA 2 REFTEL). HOWEVER, WE HAVE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT DR. BARAKAT HAS PLO CONNECTIONS AND MAY IN FACT HAVE OBTAINED JOB HERE THROUGH INTERVENTION OF YASSER ARAFAT. WHILE THEREFORE PRESUMABLY INELIGIBLE FOR VISA, WAIVER MIGHT BE OBTAINED. QUESTION IS, HOWEVER, WHAT EXACTLY IS HIS CONNECTION, HOW DEEPLY IS HE INVOLVED, WITH PLO?

2. ACCORDING TO DR. BARAKAT, BEFORE COMING HERE EARLY IN 1975, HE SERVED IN SENIOR HEALTH POSITION (POSSIBLY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES) IN LIBYA FOR NUMBER OF YEARS. PRIOR TO THAT HE STUDIED, AND THEN TAUGHT AND CONDUCTED RESEARCH IN UK.

3. TAYSSIR AHMED BARAKAT; UAE; PALESTINIAN
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B. BORN ABOUT 1930, HEBRON PALESTINE

C. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, UAE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
D. POSSIBLY INELIGIBLE IF MEMBERSHIP IN PLO SUBSTANTIATED
E. POTENTIAL IV GRANTEE. ITINERARY UNKNOWN. J-1.
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